

# POETRY IN AMERICA

## READING LIST | Nature and Nation

Many of the readings covered in this course can be found online. A few resources to consult in your search include the Poetry Foundation, the Academy of American Poets, Bartleby.com, Internet Archive, Project Gutenberg, and Google Books.

For texts that are not available online, we recommend that you use WorldCat.org to locate a copy at a library near you.

### WEEK 1 | Transatlantic Trade and Tensions

- 📖 Thomas Morton, *New English Canaan* (excerpt)
- 📖 Ebenezer Cooke, “The Sotweed Factor”
- 📖 James Grainger, “Sugar-Cane”
- 📖 Elegy for Urian Oakes
- 📖 Elegy for Thomas Shepard
- 📖 James Trumbull, “The Progress of Dulness”

### WEEK 2 | Poetry of Independence

- 📖 “Here’s to the Volunteer Boys”
- 📖 “Yankee Doodle”
- 📖 Phyllis Wheatley, “On Being Brought from Africa to America”
- 📖 Phyllis Wheatley, “On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitfield, 1770”
- 📖 Phyllis Wheatley, “To the Right Honorable William, Earl of Dartmouth”
- 📖 Phyllis Wheatley, “To S.M., a Young African Painter, On Seeing His Works”
- 📖 Phyllis Wheatley, “His Excellency General Washington”
- 📖 “To the Ladies”

### WEEK 3 | Return to Nature: Republican Virtue and Simplicity

- 📖 Mercy Otis Warren, “Simplicity”
- 📖 Philip Freneau, “On the Emigration to America and Peopling the Western Country”
- 📖 Philip Freneau, “The Wild Honeysuckle”

- 📖 Timothy Dwight, “Greenfield Hill”
- 📖 Joel Barlow, “Hasty Pudding” (Canto I)
- 📖 William Cullen Bryant, “Thanatopsis”
- 📖 William Cullen Bryant, “To a Water Fowl”
- 📖 William Cullen Bryant, “To an American Painter Departing for Europe”
- 📖 William Cullen Bryant, “The Prairies”

#### **WEEK 4 | The Firesides and Poe**

- 📖 James Russell Lowell, “A Fable For Critics” (excerpt)
- 📖 Oliver Wendell Holmes, “The One Hoss Shay”
- 📖 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “The Fire of Drift-Wood”
- 📖 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “Paul Revere’s Ride”
- 📖 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “The Cross of Snow”
- 📖 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “The Bridge”
- 📖 Edgar Allan Poe, “The Conqueror Worm”
- 📖 Edgar Allan Poe, “The City in the Sea”
- 📖 Edgar Allan Poe, “The Philosophy of Composition”
- 📖 Edgar Allan Poe, “The Raven”
- 📖 Edgar Allan Poe, “The Sleeper”
- 📖 Edgar Allan Poe, “Annabel Lee”
- 📖 Edgar Allan Poe, “To Helen”

#### **Week 5 | Emerson**

- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Nature” (Chapter 1 on “Nature”)
- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “The Snow Storm”
- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Blight”
- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Concord Hymn”
- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Days”
- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Hamatreya”
- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “The Rhodora”
- 📖 Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Each and All”